

## Many Notables Arrive Here on The Aquitania

**Sir Henry Thornton, Former L. I. Railroad Superintendent, Called Home by Illness of His Mother**

**Gould Back as Lieutenant**

**Rear Admirals Dunn and Niblick and A. C. James and Wife Also Aboard**

The Cunard liner Aquitania, which brought home the vanguard of the 57th Division, carried 198 civilian passengers, including steersmen men, railroad men and war workers.

Prominent among the travellers was Major General Sir Henry Thornton, K. B. E., former general superintendent of the Long Island Railroad, who went to England in 1914 to assist in the management of the Great Eastern Railway. He was knighted by King George, and with the rank of major general was given complete charge of the transportation of British troops in France. He was called to this country by the illness of his mother at New York.

Arthur Curtiss James, the yachtsman who went to the Levant as a member of the Committee for Relief in the Near East, returned with Mrs. James, who was in charge of the committee's work in Paris. Mr. James said the reports of suffering in the Near East were far from overdrawn.

### Urge Government Aid

"Mr. Hoover" he said, "has been most generous to the committee providing us with his services free of money to carry on this enormous task. The job is really too big for private charity and really should be undertaken by our government in conjunction with others."

Chaplain Duncan H. Browne, of Christ's Protestant Episcopal Church, New York, left S. C. last night after eighteen months service with the A. E. F. He came home with the rank of captain and bore the D. S. C. for bravery in the Argonne drive. Braving the fire of German machine guns he dragged ten wounded men, one by one, to places of safety.

Lieutenant Kingdom Gould, son of George Gould, who went overseas as a private, in May, 1918, returned with the rank of first lieutenant, which he won while serving with the 78th Division.

Rear Admiral Albert P. Niblick, who commanded the American naval forces in the Eastern Mediterranean and was recently relieved, was among those aboard. He has been ordered to Washington to become chief of the Bureau of Naval Intelligence.

### Admiral Dunn Home on Leave

Rear Admiral H. O. Dunn, who commanded the American naval base at the Azores, returned on leave and will go to his home in Cleveland, O. Captain C. P. Pease, one of his aides, was stricken with influenza during the voyage and was admitted to the naval hospital in Brooklyn.

Another traveller was Major R. C. Trower, of Sydney, Australia, an engineer with the British army, who devised a scheme for blowing up the iron of the hill at Beaumont-Hamel in July, 1918, and Germans were killed. He said he used twenty-three tons of TNT to do the job.

Edward G. Broeniman, purchasing agent for the Commission of Relief in Belgium, returned after a two months' trip in France, Holland and Belgium. He said there was a heavy demand on the part of business and financial interests in all the countries to remove governmental restrictions on trade. The feeling abroad, he said, is that the war is over and that private initiative and enterprise should have a free hand.

### City-Bred Soldiers Won't Discuss Deeds Nor Display D. S. C.'s

The apartment-house-bred soldiers who made history in the Argonne Forest, came back home yesterday.

Honor rests heavily on these youthful fighters. They asked that no fuss be made over them. The majority of them said they didn't want a parade. They had plenty of Distinguished Service Crosses among them, but none were to be seen, nor would the troops discuss the exploits in which they had earned them.

But the division will parade. The thousands of relatives who stormed the doors of the Cunard offices and tried to break through to the docks at the foot of Thirteenth Street will see that. Jealous of the honors of their sons, they argued with those who reached them yesterday that a parade would be absolutely essential—a parade such as was given the 27th—or even a bigger one," as one mother put it.

More than 4,000 officers and men were on the Aquitania. The liner had made such high speed over that it passed the Mount Vernon, on which the division's commanding officers are returning. The remainder of the total of the 57,000 men of the division are on the ocean. The division will be re-united here before May 1, according to the present plan.

Lieutenant Colonel C. F. Herr, in command of the units on board, consisting of the 35th Infantry, the 306th Machine Gun Battalion and the 306th Machine Gun Battalion, praised the discipline and spirit of the men and was supported in his assertions by Brigadier General Critchley, of the British army, who said he never had seen such perfect conduct as had been exhibited by these men in the trip home.

Ferryboats were hurried alongside the Cunard docks and the work of debarking was begun shortly after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The men started for Camp Mills at 3:30. Major Bozeman Bulger, until the war broke out one of the best known sporting writers in the country, superintended the welcoming movements while he told of the adventures of the men abroad.

It was just a year to a day between the breaking of camp at Upton to go abroad and the breaking of camp in France to return to the United States April 15 is marked on the calendar of the division as the red letter day of its members.

The 77th boasts of men from every walk in life in New York. There were several millionaires and numerous stevedores, tailors, waiters, actors, business men and clerks. George W. Pease, was among the men who sailed from home with the division a year ago, although he was transferred to other work later.

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### MAN WHO BROUGHT FIRST OF 77TH HOME



Lieutenant Colonel C. F. Herr, who was in charge of "New York's Own" soldiers on the Aquitania.

Manhattan and Queens, were among the bontions of silent, khaki-clad citizen-soldiers who sailed from New York last April. There were many Indians, some Germans and a few Americans who could trace their family tree back to the days of Peter Stuyvesant.

Colonel Bulger explained why he brought so many silent British officers when he took a pretty American girl away from the Prince of Wales in the course of a dance at Coblenz some months ago.

"What did the Prince have to say about it?" was one of the first questions put to Bulger.

"Why, the Prince is a good fellow and he took it just as any of us would," he said. "It was a dance where the women wore their military uniform, and, as a result, a sign was put up every few minutes inviting the other officers—meaning the men who had no partners to break in. I happened to take the prince's partner, that was all."

"How many of the men want to remain two weeks longer in the army after you reach your home camps in order to parade in Chicago?" he would ask half a hundred within his hearing.

"Why, those in favor of remaining will be half a dozen," said Herr. "The Secretary of War Baker will be the first to tell you that the boys nearly every one are against being held in service longer than they otherwise would for parading," was Mr. Baker's equally persistent answer.

Secretary Baker had talked informally to some of the spectators of the review of the Third Army and the Eighth corps division, under Warren Pershing, son of the commander in chief, who literally jumped with delight when he saw the thousands of glistening bayonets march by the reviewing stands to the tune of massed bands.

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